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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1 and 4 as follows. A clean copy of amended claims 1 and 4 is provided below. A marked-up copy of the amended claims is attached hereto in the attached separate sheet, entitled "Marked-Up Copy of Claims."

1. (Amended) A cannula system comprising:

a tube having a bore extending along a length thereof;

an assembly connecting to a proximal end of the tube;

an aspirator tip having openings positioned at another end of the tube remote from the assembly; and

an opening acting as a vent hole positioned along the length of the tube away from the assembly, the vent hole having a diameter of approximately between 0.003 and 0.02 inches and which allows air to flow within the bore of the tube.